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LET'S HAVE THE FACTS

A furor has arisen in Washington concerning the Gaither report—and for good reason. This report was classified as secret but word has leaked out on some of the conclusions reached by the group originally headed by H. Rowan Gaither, Jr., former head of the Ford Foundation, and the impact of the report has been tremendous.

Democrats and some Republicans are now calling for full publication of the report and its conclusions and this is obviously the only solution to the dilemma the Administration finds itself in—since parts and pieces have already been made public.

The Gaither committee worked for many months in its search for the facts and had access to intelligence sources and classified data. The group was actually led by William C. Foster, former deputy secretary of defense, and Robert C. Sprague, because of illness which forced Gaither to put aside the task after beginning it.

The recommendations made by this group in November were shocking. Their dire report on the predicament this country found itself in, in the entire defense picture, was explosive.

Senator Alexander Wiley, prominent and respected member of the Foreign Relations Committee, said: "The Gaither Report should awaken Americans to the fact that we are facing a tremendous challenge. The true facts must be given to the American people."

There are many who believe that the present Administration has failed badly in its rockets and missiles efforts and this blame cannot be dodged. What is more, many think the American people are unaware of the grim picture actually facing them. The Eisenhower Administration still seems to go along with an idea that the expenditure of a few more billions of dollars on defense will put things right.

As alarming and disturbing as is the prospect, it must be faced. It is no time to lull the people into a sense of false security.

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AN EATING NOTE

Assuming that all our readers eat, we will now offer some 49c advice as a 49c dietary expert. It concerns the kind of food you eat more than the amount.

To begin with, it seems clear to us that science and the medical profession have proven beyond doubt that a diet composed of a preponderance of starches, sweets and fats is a dangerous diet. Proof of this is the fact that the United States, with a diet rich in hese components, today finds its citizens suffering more heart attacks, strokes, diabetes and other illnesses that the people of most of the other countries of the world — even though they exist on a lower standard of living.

It seems pretty evident to those who would enjoy the current life span in the United States, sixty-eight years, or even more, that a high protein diet, with a limited amount of fats and starches, should be consumed. Of course, any diet can be carried to the extreme, and we do not suggest that anyone stop eating fat, or cut out all starches or sweets.

We do think it is a good idea to face facts squarely and acknowledge the very impressive array of medical data which has been arrayed against an improper diet.

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THE JANUARY SKY

The winter skies in January, often clear and cold, offer star gazers beautiful sights for the study of the stars and planets.

The Big Dipper is still far down on the horizon, but it is beginning to move back up into the sky. Morning stars (actually planets of the solar system visible to the naked eye) will be Mercury, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

That bright evening star (planet) will be Venus.

Why not make it one of your 1958 resolutions to buy a guide on the stars and study them once in a while during this year? We are fast approaching the space and, even more important, you will find study of the heavens immensely rewarding and stimulating.

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FACING 1958

Every person should take stock of his progress toward some goal occasionally. At the beginning of a new year is the customary time.

The first thing one should consider is his goal in life. Where are you going? Are you helping others? Are you satisfied with the life you are living?

Second, after setting your goal, comes the hard part. You must discipline yourself to live by the resolutions which will make you the person you would like to be.

The year 1958 might contain many pitfalls. A recession will probably be felt by many of us. The threat from the Communist world is the gravest threat our country has faced since the Revolution. This will worry many of us — especially those in the armed services and with members of their family in service.

But, 1958 is here, and somehow, most of us will survive. At the end of the year, it would be nice to look back and feel that definite goals had been achieved. To be able to do that, we must set ourself with determination and resolution to daily living, and strive for the highest possible standards in our personal existence.

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FARM FIGHT CERTAIN AGAIN

A farm fight is once again certain in Congress, thanks partly to the unusually large wheat crop which has been officially predicted.

Once again the efforts of Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson, to hold down production of a vital farm crop, have failed. The wheat yield for the year is expected to be 20.6 bushels—highest on record. The crop is expected to total 906,272,000 bushels.

Benson has announced he will have many farm legislation recommendations ready for the second session of the 85th Congress. But the chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Democrat Harold Cooley (NC) says they may be junked. Cooley and a surprising number of Republicans believe that Benson's approach to the surplus problem is wrong. More and more legislators want a two-price structure for several of the country's farm products. Maybe Congess can write its own farm program!

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It is now time to start saving up for another Christmas.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Lessons

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Bible Material: Matthew 16:13-19; Ephesians 2:19-22; Colossians 1:15-20. Additional Reading: I Corinthians 3:11

The True Church

Lesson for January 5, 1958

DISGRACEFUL as it is to have to admit it, the fact is that the one question about which churches quarrel most, is the simple one: What is the Church? One thing all agree on: the Church is not brick and stone, it is not organization by itself. The Church is people. The question is, Under what conditions has a group of people, large or small, the right to call itself a Christian church, or a part of the Christian Church? If we go back to New Testament times, when there was only one church (though many congregations of course), and that one church was without doubt the true church, we can get a clue toward answering our question.

Dr. Foreman

Christ the Builder

Jesus often spoke of the Church, although he seldom used the word. He spoke of his friends, his disciples, believers. He chose men to be with him and to send out in his name to do his work. It is such people who make the Church everywhere; persons who have made contact with Christ, who believe in Him, who follow Him, who learn from Him, who in His name set out to do His work. Once and only once He used the expression "my Church" according to the records we have. Simon Peter had just said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus told him in reply, "On this rock I will build my Church." Theologians have argued a long time about what Jesus meant by "this rock." Some think He meant Peter himself, but the New Testament church did not think so; nowhere in it is Simon Peter called the foundation of the Church. A more likely explanation is that Jesus meant he would build his Church on the foundation of the faith which Peter had just expressed, and on men and women who have this faith. Wherever there is a fellowship of persons bound together by loyalty to Christ as Son of the living God, there is the true Church.

Christ the Cornerstone

In St. Paul's earlier letters he writes about "churches" but in his later days he wrote of "the Church," which is truly one, in spite of its many apparent differences. Indeed it is not only interesting but important that the more churches there were, the more Paul emphasizes "The Church, not one among others, but as including all believers. He uses various figures of speech to describe the all-important fact that Christ is central in the true Church. One is this picture of a temple built of stone. The foundation is the apostles (note that he makes no special mention of Peter) and the prophets. The foundations of the Church go down into the Old Testament; apostles and prophets are different sections of the same foundation. But Christ is the cornerstone. In Paul's time a cornerstone was not a souvenir-chest, it was a great solid stone that carried the weight of the building, and indeed set the lines of the walls. Prophets and apostles are the foundation so far as, and because, they are lined up with Christ. The true Church is one that carries on the spirit and the work of apostles and prophets down through the ages.

Christ the Head

Another Bible figure of speech for the Church, is that of a body, with Christ the head. The true Church is one of which Christ is the head; that is, He directs the Church. He is the final and highest authority in the Church. Of course head and body need each other, but the head controls the body, not the other way around. Christ is Number One in the true Church. No book, no creed, no organization, no bishop, no pope, can be the head of the Church in the unique and special and all-important way in which Christ is head of the Church. How can we tell whether Christ is the head of the Church? It is not just by what the Church says about Him. Jesus himself said: "Why do you call me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Correct theology does not by itself make a true Church. Does the Church do the things Jesus says? Do its members take His teachings seriously and try to live by them? Does the Church hold up Jesus as a living example for Christian lives? Is the teaching of the Church in line with His? If not, calling Him "head" means very little.

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Washington Notes

DAIRY SURPLUS BUYING

Uncle Sam is buying nearly seven per cent more surplus dairy products under a farm price-support program this marketing year than last. An Agriculture Department report put total purchases of butter, cheese and dried milk since April 1, start of the current marketing year, at 800,000,000 pounds. This compares with 760,000,000 pounds in the like period a year ago.

ENVIRONMENT AND SCLEROSIS

The effects of climate, geographical area, and other allied environmental factors on multiple sclerosis, medicine's mystery disease, is being studied by three large research organizations, the Veterans Administration reported here. Members of the armed forces and veterans who have developed the disease during and since World War II will be the object of studies. The main reason for the study is to learn in what latitudes, climates, and geographical areas these victims have lived. The disease is known to be more prevalent in the northern United States and Canada than in the South.

GROW GRASS SEED

The Agriculture Department reports that more and more farmers are finding it pays to harvest grass seed from their own land. The report said market supplies of the native grass seed are still inadequate.

The agency said demand for such seed is certain to grow as more low-producing cropland is seeded permanently to grass.

FLU SHOTS ADVISABLE

Surgeon General Leroy E. Burney says Asian flu vaccinations are advisable even though the flu epidemic appears to be on the wane.

Burney says the disease can be expected to remain a threat through next March.

The Public Health Service chief said there were an estimated 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 cases of Asian flu in the nation from Sept. 1 to Nov. 30.

DOG POPULATION SOARS

Recent surveys show that the nation's dog population is growing four times as fast as the human population. Almost every other household has a dog and fifteen per cent have two.

NIKES REPLACING GUNS

The anti-aircraft gun now has no role in the defense of Washington. The Army's Seventieth Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battery has moved the last of its 90-mm guns from five sites. They were replaced by batteries of Nike missiles. Later, Hawk missiles will also be installed.

FOOD POPULARITY CHANGES

An Agriculture Department survey shows that foods which have made the sharpest gains in popularity during the past seven years are beef veal, chicken and margarine. Foods which have lost ground during his period include cereal and bakey products, butter, potatoes, and evaporated milk.

SOYBEAN MARKET IN JAPAN

Faced with a prospect of a new surplus of soybeans, the Agriculture Department is taking steps to expand markets for that commodity in Japan. This year's soybean crop has been forecast as the largest of record and in excess of market prospects.

FIGHT ON RICE DISEASE

An industry Advisory Committee has asked the Agriculture Department to step up its research on ways of eradicating a disease that threatens this country's $200,000,000 a year rice crop. The disease is known as hoja blanca. It was discovered in Florida last summer.

MAY DROP GRAIN BUSHEL

The Agriculture Department is considering a proposal to use a hundredweight rather than a bushel as a unit of measuring grain stored under its price support program. The hundredweight is being used now for rice and ghum grains, but the bushel is used for wheat, corn, oats, rye, and barley.

HYBRID COTTON

The possibility of growing hybrid cotton, a discovery which has revival the development of hybrid corn in its impact on world agriculture, is reported. Experiments at the University of California College of Agriculture, Riverside, resulted in the creation of male-sterile strains of cotton, indispensable in obtaining hybrid plants.

Good Reason

Bill has it figured out the reason the average girl would rather have beauty than brains is because the average man would rather have than think. —Mason City (Iowa) Gazette.

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Stonewall

Stonewall, Dec. 30.- I want to wish every one a very happy New year, and may it be a prosperous one for all our readers of The Times-Virginian, and all of the wonderful folks who work in the office of The Times-Virginian. Happy New Year!

Everyone that failed to visit the Green House at our Parsonage, with our good pastor, the Rev. Colie Rock and his nice family last Monday night, surely missed a treat. Everywhere was so nicely decorated for the occasion, and I never saw or tasted more delicious refreshments. It was just wonderful all the way through, and we had such a hearty welcome from all the Rock family, and hope to be able to meet again soon. May God richly bless the pastor and his lovely family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stephenson, Jr. and two girls, Janet and Cynthia, of Norfolk, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Drinkard, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson, Mrs. Cantrell Smith and two girls, Nancy and Linda, and Mrs. E. O. Shoosmith were called to see the Stephensons on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Carson, of Philadelphia and Mr. and Mrs. John Kemp, of Norfolk spent part of the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Robertson and family, of Spout Spring, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Crawford and children spent the week-end with his parents at Natural Bridge.

Mrs. Wallace Bondurant was called to New Jersey last week, due to the death of her brother-in-law.

Mr. Wallace Bondurant and son visited his very ill sister, Mrs. Rosa Robertson, in Lynchburg General Hospital on Sunday. We hope for her a speedy get well.

Rev. and Mrs. Colie Rock have had with them over the holidays their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burgess, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rock, of Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Drinkard, Mrs. Alma Jennings, Mrs. H. A. Drinkard and Mr. Glenn Drinkard visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Drinkard, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick spent last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard, at Appomattox, in celebration of Mrs. Beard's birthday. We wish for her many more happy days to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carson have returned from their honeymoon, and are living with his parents for the present.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Russell and family, of Richmond spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas.

Mrs. Calvin Tanner and Miss Charleene Thomas spent the week-end with friends in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Moore and all of her folks present Sunday for a family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings spent part of the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. George Jennings, of North Carolina. They also visited Mrs. Fannie Jennings, Mr. Jennings' stepmother, in Culpeper.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Caldwell had all of their children and grandchildren home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alvis and family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews, of Orange, Christmas.

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, Dec. 31.- Dinner guests, Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hatcher were the Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Dean, Leeda and Sandy; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thornhill, Mr. and Mrs. William O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Gilbert, and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sperry, Wendy and Johnny, and Miss Faye Thornhill visited Don Owen, of Randolph, Sunday.

Mrs. Florene Phelps is spending this week with her daughter, Mrs. Marvin Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thornhill visited Mrs. Lillie Garbee and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Thornhill, of Lynchburg Wednesday.

Dinner guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stanley, Jr. were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stanley, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Martin and daughter.

Treated Unfairly

Fred Dunn says he was treated unfairly. Said he prayed for rain on his tobacco north of town and at the same time specified that his cotton south of town be left alone, and it rained hard at both places.

Omega, Ga., News.

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Health and Beauty

There is much scientific evidence that vitamin C is involved in heart diseases. A disturbance in the substance of the artery wall is common in one type of heart ailment. The wall becomes weak and may rupture, resulting in hemorrhage. A similar condition is characteristic of Vitamin C deficiency.

It was reported in the "Canadian Medical Journal" that 81 per cent of coronary patients in a hospital studied had a subnormal level of vitamin C.

Another interesting thing that leads doctors to believe that Vitamin C is important in the treatment of the heart is the fact that 'stress' depletes the body of Vitamin C. Exposure to the stress of surgery could be responsible for blood clots in some cases.

Anything poisonous to the human body increases the production of a substance manufactured by the adrenal glands which uses up vitamin C. Certain chemicals and narcotics have this action.

If you are interested in getting enough Vitamin C in your diet, cut down on the amount of pies, pastry, fried foods, desserts and other things rich in the wrong kind of fats. These foods contain very little, and most often, no Vitamin C. Increase the fresh fruits, salads, and raw vegetables in your diet.

Stop drinking coffee and drink a cup of hot rose hips tea with lemon and honey. Rose Hips are high in Vitamin C.

It is hard to be sure how much Vitamin C you are getting, so to be on the safe side, take a natural Vitamin C supplement.

SYNTHETIC SOIL CONDITIONERS TRIED ON ALFALFA FIELDS

Synthetic soil conditioners may improve alfalfa stands on certain soils, but are currently too expensive for practical use.

This was indicated in tests conducted near Staunton by the VPI Agricultural Experiment Station.

The trials were on Berks silt loam soil which crusts over easily and inhibits the emergence of seedlings. The conditioner, on that soil, increased the stand of alfalfa from 15 plants per square foot to 40 plants per square foot when 270 pounds per acre of the conditioner was broadcast and mixed with the top inch of soil. The conditioner was VAM (vinyl acetate maleic acid). At the rates of 30 and 90 pounds per acre of soil conditioner, the stands were 19 and 30 plants per square foot, respectively.

To reduce the amount of the expensive chemical, both seed and conditioner were applied in rows and as little as 5 and 15 pounds per acre of VAM were applied in different treatments. These treatments were only slightly effective.

The scientists concluded that the conditioner was effective in helping alfalfa plants emerge through a soil with a poor physical condition, but the cost of application exceeded the benefits derived.

MYRTLE BEACH GETS WINTER TRADE

Myrtle Beach, S. C.- An ever-increasing number of vacationers from the Northern and Eastern states are selecting Myrtle Beach as their winter vacation headquarters and many others are breaking their trips to Florida with a stop at this South Carolina seashore resort.

Year-round attractions of the Myrtle Beach area include fresh and salt-water fishing, tours of Brookgreen Gardens and other historic plantations, and two outstanding golf courses. The famed Dunes Golf and Beach Club and the Pine Lakes International Country Club are both open to visitors.

A large portion of Myrtle Beach's 5,000 hotel, motel and apartment rooms are available to serve the winter vacationer.

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CHRYSANTHEMUM DISEASE CONTROL OUTLINED

A troublesome and widespread disease of chrysanthemums called verticillium wilt can be reduced if the grower will use a little care, says S. B. Fenne, plant pathologist at VPI.

Mum enthusiasts who have trouble should follow this advice:

Take out the definitely diseased plants, and get good disease-free plants from a reliable dealer. Set the plants in sterilized soil or in soil that has not grown chrysanthemums and other susceptible plants for several years. Flowers highly susceptible to verticillium wilt are snapdragon, bachelor's button, annual phlox, and cineraria. Other susceptible plants are strawberries, peppers, tomatoes, eggplants, maple trees, and such common flowers as the African marigold, oriental poppy, larkspur, etc.

Several chemical treatments can be used in sterilizing soil. Sterilization usually means a delay of several weeks in the spring before plants can be set in treated soil. Fenne suggests the standard formaldehyde drench, 1 part formalin to 50 parts of water, using 1-2 gallon of the solution to each square foot of soil. Or chloropicrin (tear gas) —very effective but objectionable to apply. In these treatments the soil temperature should be up near 60° or higher and a waiting period after treatment long enough for all fumes to escape 2 or 3 weeks) is necessary.

Methyl bromide at 4 pounds per 100 square feet, or vapam at 1 quart per 100 square feet, should also do the job. However, experimental information about these two products is not yet complete.

The wilt is caused by a soil-inhibiting fungus, which may attack through the roots of healthy plants set in infested soil, or it may be introduced to healthy soil in cuttings taken from diseased plants.

PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF APPOMATTOX, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1957

1956 — 1957

RECEIPTS

STATE RECEIPTS:	
(From State Funds)	
General Appropriation & Transportation	$195,697.40
Rural Supervision	6,100.00
Supervising Principals	1,333.32
Special Education	220.68
Vocational Education (Including Canneries)	25,576.91
Teachers Sick Leave	384.16
School Lunch Program	9,609.55
TOTAL STATE RECEIPTS	$238,922.02
FROM COUNTY FUNDS:	
Appropriation from Board of Supervisors	214,677.23
Delinquent Taxes	5,404.90
Balance on Hand, July 1, 1956	41,099.80
TOTAL FROM COUNTY FUNDS	$261,082.02
FROM OTHER FUNDS:	
Tuition from Other Divisions and Private Sources	358.68
Special Fees from Pupils	590.00
Sale of Supplies & Equipment (Including sale of cans)	8,190.42
Rents, Rebates & Fire Insurance adjustments	1,999.63
Gasoline Tax Refund and fee for use of School Busses	2,495.49
Donations for School Libraries	152.09
Other Funds — Miscellaneous Items	14.95
TOTAL FROM OTHER FUNDS	$13,822.26
TOTAL RECEIPTS	513,826.30

EXPENDITURES

ADMINISTRATION:	
Per Diem and Expenses of School Board Members	561.60
Compensation of Clerk of Board	1,620.00
Compensation of Secretary to Supt. & Other Clerical help	1,059.88
Postage, Telephone and Telegraph	276.43
Office Equipment & Supplies	256.24
Other Administrative Expenses	49.65
Compensation of Superintendent from School Board	2,300.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	$6,123.90
INSTRUCTION:	
Regular Day School	$285,745.04
Special Vocational Instruction (Including Farm Machinery & Canneries)	4,351.93
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	$290,096.97
OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL COSTS:	
Travel of Vocational Teachers, Supervisors & Visiting Teacher	2,248.49
Compensation of Clerks to Principals	3,041.25
Tuition Paid Other Divisions	2,100.00
General Supplies	197.35
Libraries	1,377.48
Laboratory Supplies	499.53
Textbooks Furnished Free	672.51
Vocational Supplies	2,971.76
Other Instructional Cost	3,624.82
TOTAL OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL COST	$16,733.19
AUXILIARY AGENCIES:	
Transportation (Compensation of Drivers, Gas, oil, tires, tubes, repairs, grease and insurance)	$48,684.28
Replacement of Busses	15,712.92
Other Auxiliary Agencies (Including Canneries)	8,569.41
Cafeterias — School Lunch	9,604.56
TOTAL AUXILIARY AGENCIES	$82,571.17
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANTS:	
Wages of Janitors for Schools	$11,342.34
Water, Fuel and Electric Current	16,218.42
Janitor Supplies	1,671.65
Telephone Service to Schools	502.57
Cost of Operation & Maintenance of Other Vehicles	419.03
Other Expense (Sewer Fee, towels, tissue, etc)	986.85
TOTAL OPERATION	$31,140.86
Maintenance of School Plants (Upkeep of Building & Grounds, Repairs and Replacement of furniture & fixtures)	8,318.54
FIXED CHARGES: (Fire & Liability Insurance, Workman's Compensation, rent, and Social Security Taxes)	4,678.39
CAPITAL OUTLAY: (Equipment for buildings, Purchase of Land)	601.22
DEBT SERVICE: (Payment of Bonds and Literary Loans and Interest on same)	$4,761.95
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$475,026.19

Respectfully submitted:

J. A. BURKE, Superintendent

12—27—57